

Snow tonight; clearing, colder tomorrow; brisk winds.

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ALL BUSINESS HALTS AS CHICAGO BURES ITS HORROR VICTIMS

Funeral After Funeral Passes Through Silent Streets. Period of Mourning Is Strictly Observed.

THEATER PROPRIETORS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Warrant Sworn Out by Man Who Had Lost Wife and Three Children in the Catastrophe.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Beneath gloomy skies, in oppressive silence and an atmosphere which seems ominously laden with death, Chicago is today a veritable city of mourning.

Whole streets, which are usually resonant with the clang of commercialism, whose pavements are wont to be thronged at this season with merry-makers, whose sky-towering buildings are accustomed to the cheer of throbbing activity, are so silent that the rattle of funeral carriages bears with it sharp, sudden shock.

Funeral After Funeral.

Funeral after funeral, until the grim buildings themselves seem forming an alley-like gateway to a vast gate of death; pavements either deserted or habited only by those who stand in expression of hopeless, oppressive grief have changed the scene to one of universal woe. No sound of ringing sleigh bells, no shouts of mirth, no glad exchange of holiday greetings—silence, awful in desolation, or broken by moans of despair.

Yesterday's papers contained pages of death lists, columns of burial notices. Today's tell yet of more. Yesterday the faces of pedestrians bore the dark look of unrelieved grief. Today, with comprehension vivified by a funeral panorama without precedent, those same faces are scarred and marked with grief.

Obsequies to Mayor Harrison's proclamation that this shall be a day of mourning, even those business houses which bear no crepe telling of death brought home, have closed their doors. Even that martinet of the market, the board of trade, closed an hour earlier than usual. There are a few places where monotonous activity—the morgues.

Proprietors Under Arrest.

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors and managers of the Iroquois Theater, and George Williams, city building inspector, were placed under arrest on the criminal charge of manslaughter at midnight. Warrants for the three men, who have hitherto been unmolested by the police and coroner, were issued last night by Justice George W. Underwood at his residence.

Arthur E. Hull, who lost a wife and three children, with their maid, in the holocaust, swore to the complaint on which the warrants were issued at the justice's house. "They took every one I had," said Mr. Hull, brokenly. "There is nothing more I can do to work for. My wife and my children, all I've had to live for, are gone. All that remains is for me to try to make some one pay for this carelessness."

"A few carpenters and stage hands have been arrested. Men who sang in the chorus are in jail. Such an investigation is a cruel mockery. The men who are responsible are allowed to walk the streets untouched, while a few laborers are punished."

Tomorrow, Mr. Hull will leave Chicago with the four bodies for his wife's girlhood home in Troy, N. Y. He will return to Chicago to carry on the prosecution to the bitter end.

Service on the three men was made by telephone. The prisoners appeared at 11 o'clock this morning and give bonds. They were for \$10,000 each.

Period of Mourning.

Mayor Harrison proclaimed the noon hour today as the period of united mourning for the victims of the horror. He asked that every church toll in Chicago be tolled for five minutes at 11 o'clock, and that every person in the city stand uncovered during that period. "It is the voice of Rachel, weeping for her children, and will not be comforted because they are not,"—this is the text of the ministers who today are performing the last rites for hundreds of the dead. In every direction, along almost every street, and out toward the cemeteries, solemn somber corteges moved through the snow-covered, windswept streets. There were not hearses enough to carry all, and the plain black wagons pressed into service added pitifulness to the scenes.

WEATHER REPORT.

Snow is indicated for the lower lake region, upper Ohio valley, and the middle Atlantic States tonight and tomorrow. The weather will probably clear in the middle Atlantic States tomorrow afternoon. In the lower Ohio valley and East Gulf States rain will be followed by clearing and much colder weather tonight, and rain will probably continue along the South Atlantic coast tomorrow.

It will be colder in the Ohio valley and the East Gulf States tonight, and colder tomorrow over practically the whole of the Washington forecast district.

TEMPERATURE.
9 a. m. 28
12 noon. 28
1 p. m. 27

THE SUN.
Sun sets today. 4:49 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow. 7:19 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.
High tide today. 7:19 p. m.
High tide tomorrow. 8:12 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow. 2:04 a. m., 2:38 p. m.

KAISER'S SYMPATHY CABLED TO PRESIDENT

Emperor William Expresses Grief Over Chicago Fire.

NO WHITE HOUSE CALLERS

Ordinary Routine to Be Resumed Next Week, and Cabinet Meetings Held.

President Roosevelt today received the following dispatch from Emperor William of Germany:

Berlin, December 31. Aghast at the news of the terrible catastrophe that befell the citizens of Chicago, the Emperor and myself wish to convey to you how deeply we feel for the American people, who have been so cruelly visited in the week of joy. Please convey my expressions of sincere sympathy to the city of Chicago. Many thanks for your kind letter. May in the coming year, Providence shield you and America from harm and such accidents.

WILLIAM I. R.

President Roosevelt appeared at the White House office this morning in excellent physical condition, in spite of the hard strain of receiving thousands of people yesterday. He endured the ordeal well, and his arm was not affected by it. Mrs. Roosevelt, though tired, also passed through the day wonderfully well. Yesterday afternoon the President took a long walk after the reception.

Senator Smoot called at the White House this morning, but did not see the President. After being in his office for an hour, Mr. Roosevelt went out for a ride. He received no callers.

Monday the ordinary routine will be resumed, the Cabinet meeting will be held as usual the coming week.

LAY OF PANAMA LAND DESCRIBED IN CIRCULAR

War Department Issues Pamphlet to Officers—The Mayflower at Porto Bello.

The War Department has issued to officers a confidential circular, called "Notes on Panama." It includes information concerning Panama gathered by Capt. C. B. Humphrey and other officers who have made study of the isthmus. The circular describes the coasts and the interior, and gives definite information concerning harbors and rivers.

In describing points where troops may be landed near Colon, the circular says the Porto Bello harbor and the harbor of Manzanilla are favorable landing places. Troops may also be landed in favorable weather at the mouth of the Chagres River. On the south side of the isthmus the best landing places for troops are at the mouth of the Camito River and Panama harbor.

The President's boat Mayflower was sent yesterday from Colon to Porto Bello. At the Navy Department it was said the vessel was sent there that it might lie in a more protected harbor, but the real object is believed to have been to make sure that Colombian troops cannot be landed at Porto Bello.

ASBESTOS CURTAIN NOT OF BEST GRADE

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—C. W. Trainor, of the firm of Trainor & Company, of this city, who manufactured the asbestos curtain used in the Iroquois Theater, Chicago, was seen at his home in Roxbury last night and shown a Chicago dispatch stating that the curtain was destroyed by the fire. Mr. Trainor said:

"We make curtains of two grades of asbestos cloth. The one with wire insertion is the best and most expensive. The one we made for the Iroquois Theater of Chicago did not have the wire insertion, but was of a good grade of cloth. I don't think it possible that it was entirely destroyed. I believe that had the curtain been lowered it would have served the purpose for which it was designed, namely, to check the fire and serve as a fire screen."

"To be sure, the fire would take the life out of the curtain, but even if it did it would have been checked long enough for the people to make their escape."

REPRESENTATIVE SKILES ILL WITH PNEUMONIA

SHELBY, Ohio, Jan. 2.—Representative W. W. Skiles, upon the eve of his departure for Washington, D. C., was stricken with pneumonia and but little hope is held out by his physicians.

TOURNEY POSTPONED.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 2.—A heavy snowfall this morning caused the postponement of the golf tourney to next Saturday.

DINNER FOR SHIP CANAL.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 2.—Great preparations are making by the board of trade committee for the dinner to be given tomorrow to further the ship canal project. It is assured that at least thirty-five Representatives and Senators will attend, and it is believed that business men of Philadelphia and Baltimore will favor the plan.

TREASURY EXPERTS BEGIN AN INQUIRY AND SEAL SAFE

Probing Accounts of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

CALLED ANNUAL AUDIT

Secretary Moseley Admits He Made Request for Thorough Investigation.

The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered a full examination of the accounts of the commission on the strength of information which has reached them that the books are in an irregular condition.

In response to a request from the commission, the Treasury Department sent today special experts Richard H. Taylor, James L. Chase, and N. W. Ambrose to the offices of the commission, where the cash in hand was counted and a cursory examination of the books made. The result of this examination was of sufficient interest to the experts to cause them to return the accounts and money to the safe, which they sealed up, pending arrangements for a complete investigation.

Rumors Were Current.

Much reticence was observed by the clerks, who said they knew only that the safe had been sealed. It was admitted that rumors of irregularities had been current for several days.

Most of the commission, including Chairman Knapp, are out of the city. Commissioners Clements and Yeomans, however, were present today when the accountant took charge of the records.

Mr. Moseley's Request.

Secretary Edward A. Moseley, who acts as disbursing officer of the commission, is confined to his home by a slight illness.

"The only thing I have to say is that the annual accounting is in progress," said Mr. Moseley, today. "I requested that it be made very thorough. I cannot go into the reasons for desiring such a careful account. The commissioners can best speak on that subject."

Quarter Million Expenses.

The appropriation for the maintenance of the Interstate Commerce Commission last year was \$275,000, which includes salaries, rentals, traveling and incidental expenditures.

The traveling expenses of the commissioners and special agents are fully paid by the Government, no passes being accepted from the railroads.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS CONSPIRING IN FRANCE

Premier Combes Demands Recall of Embassy Attaches for Participation in Royalist Plot.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—A scandal in the Russian embassy here has reached a sensational phase. It appears that the former Russian ambassador to France, Prince Ouroumoff, and two secretaries, were recalled because they wrote articles to Russian newspaper in which they severely criticized the French government.

The premier of France, M. Combes, has now demanded the recall of the remaining attachés of the Russian embassy for taking part in a French royalist conspiracy.

This action causes grave anxiety, for it is known that the czar is secretly opposed to the present republican form of government in France and would lend Russia aid to any effort that might be made to overthrow it.

STREET CAR EMPLOYEES GET INCREASED PAY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 2.—About 1,400 conductors and motormen employed by the Rhode Island Street Railway Company have just received an advance of 10 cents a day.

This is in accordance with the wage schedule adopted last May. The annual expense to the company is increased about \$65,000.

ST. LOUIS AUDIENCE AFFECTED BY STORY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 2.—At the Century Theater last night, C. H. Congdon, who said he was from Chicago, arose from his seat between the acts, and related stories of incidents of the Iroquois Theater tragedy. Some one in the audience began singing, "Nearer, My God to Thee," which was taken up by the whole audience, the orchestra joining with the accompaniment.

UNION OF 23 COMPANIES WILL SAVE EXPENSES

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Twenty-three local express companies will be merged into one corporation, to be known as the Boston and Suburban Express and Parcel Company, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, unless carefully laid plans miscarry at the last moment.

These companies now serve the people in various towns and cities within ten miles of Boston, and the argument for consolidation is that they can, by uniting, give a much better service, with greater economies of management.

KISHENEV JEWS SEEKING SUPPORT FROM AMERICA

Co-Religionists in Berlin Aroused to Get Assistance Here.

"CONSCIENCE IS DEAD" DID IT IN CALIFORNIA

With Europe Dumb to Appeals, Persecuted Russians Look to Friends.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Despite the command of the czar to the governor of Bessarabia to preserve order, the Jews in Kishenev are in a state of panic over the discovery of designs of the Russians to be executed on the Russian new year, which, according to the American calendar, will fall on January 7.

Hundreds of letters continue to reach prominent Israelites in Berlin describing preparations for a terrible massacre. The following is a typical extract from one of the letters:

A Typical Appeal.

"Death faces us, and we are helpless. Make the fact known in America, which helped us more than spring than any other country. Let the Jews in America understand what end is being prepared for their co-religionists in Bessarabia, despite Russian professions. Europe's conscience is dead. Let us hope America's still lives."

JEWS GET TO FIGHTING ABOUT THEIR POLICY

WARSAW, Jan. 2.—A violent feud has broken out among the Jews in this part of the empire. One section is urging retaliation upon the government for its persecution of them, and are joining in the revolutionary movement, which it is feared will manifest itself before the winter is past. The other section favors conciliatory methods, and are actively combating a revolution.

The conciliatory Jews had planned a congress to be held shortly at Grodno, and the revolutionary Jews threatened to dynamite the assembled delegates, stigmatizing them "cowardly traitors to Israel." The threat caused an indefinite postponement of the congress.

SIMON WOLF OPPOSES MASS MEETINGS NOW

Although Simon Wolf, of the executive council of B'nai B'rith, is still receiving communications from Jewish societies all over the United States, asking for information as to the threatened Kishenev massacre, Mr. Wolf is exerting his influence to prevent the holding of any more mass meetings just at present. He does not believe them expedient or justified by the present facts obtained regarding the alleged massacre. Mr. Wolf is flooded with messages of inquiry asking if he deems it advisable to hold mass meetings, and to all he is sending a negative response.

WORD CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED TOMORROW

Will Be Published But Once, So Those Interested Should Order Copy of The Sunday Times.

As heretofore announced, the result of the word contest will be published in The Sunday Times tomorrow. The names and addresses of the winners, together with the respective lists of words submitted by each, will be given for the information of all contestants.

As to the amount of space the article will require, it will not be possible to repeat it, so those desiring to see the result should arrange to have a copy of The Sunday Times delivered to them tomorrow morning.

Orders for copies of the paper should be left with newsboys or news dealers early this evening.

ALIGHTED ON WRONG SIDE OF A THEATER TRAIN

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Jan. 2.—D. A. Willis, employed at Steiner's Mill, jumped from the wrong side of the theater train last night, striking an iron fence and was partially stunned. He tried to get back on the train but fell on the track near the North Asbury Station. His right leg was crushed.

Willis dragged himself to the station, where he was found at 2 o'clock this morning awaiting for help. His leg was amputated by two physicians and it is hoped he will recover.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS PAID ALMOST WHOLLY IN GOLD

Customs receipts are being paid almost wholly in gold. At the port of New York, for the month of December, 99 per cent of the total receipts were paid in gold. The other 1 per cent was paid in United States notes and silver certificates.

For the last two or three months the percentage of gold payments has been almost as high, running from 96 to 99 per cent.

Seaboard Florida Limited.

Handsome and quickest train to Jacksonville, St. Augustine, and all intermediate resorts, will commence running January 11. For resort matter inquire 121 Pa. ave.—Adv.

INDICTMENT OF BENSON NOW PART OF COURT RECORD

New York Arrest Made to Prevent Jumping of Bail Bond.

DID IT IN CALIFORNIA

When Indicted Went to Europe and Remained Abroad Eight Years.

The indictment reported by the local grand jury against John A. Benson, accusing him of attempting to bribe Land Office officials, was made a matter of record today in the District Supreme Court.

The action of the grand jury is based on section 5451, of the Revised Statutes, relative to bribery. The penalty is fixed at a fine amounting to three times the value of the money or thing offered as a bribe and imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of three years.

Benson is accused of offering bribes amounting to \$500 to Woodford D. Harland, and \$100 to William E. Valk, employees in the General Land Office. Benson was arrested in New York and held in \$10,000 bond.

No Further Arrests.

At the Interior Department this morning no news could be obtained of any more intended arrests in connection with the alleged land frauds. Scott Smith, private secretary to the Secretary of the Interior, said he knew of no arrests in immediate contemplation.

Information about what the inspectors have learned has been consistently refused on the ground that it would be of service to those who are to be arrested. It is known that several other arrests are contemplated, but the department will move slowly because of the number of technical objections that are sure to be raised in each case.

The arrest of Benson in New York on Thursday on practically the same charge for which he was arrested in Washington is admitted to have been merely a device to prevent a possibility of his jumping the bail he gave when arrested in Washington. And should the New York warrant be vacated it will not make a great deal of difference to the department, as the object of keeping him in the country for the present has been accomplished. When Benson was indicted for land frauds in California he suddenly disappeared for Europe and remained abroad eight years. It was feared he might follow a similar course this time, and hence the arrest.

COTTON SENDS NEWS OF SKINNER'S TRAVELS

Rear Admiral Cotton has advised the Navy Department that the Consul General Skinner and his party, which visited King Menelik, left the Abyssinian capital on December 27, and is due to arrive at Djibouti on January 15.

INSANITY INCREASING WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Official Records Show Thirty Cases in Two Weeks, Due to Melancholia and Delusional Afflictions.

Insanity is apparently on the increase in the District of Columbia. The records of the Sanitary Office show that thirty people have been taken to custody since December 18 for examination as to their mental condition.

Most of these unfortunate appear to be suffering from melancholia and delusional insanity, though there are individual cases of senile dementia, dipsomania, homicidal mania, and imbecility. Several of the alleged lunatics are non-residents, and are being transported to their homes as rapidly as their residences are located and their relatives communicated with.

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COLD WAVE PROMISED IN WAKE OF THE STORM

Washington Treated to Various Kinds of Weather Within the Past Twenty-four Hours.

The fall of rain or snow, which the Weather Bureau predicted for New Year Day, did not arrive until late last night, and then it came in the form of both rain and snow, with an aftermath of hail for good measure. The storm is general in the East, and other cities are also having their troubles.

The prediction is for rain and snow until about midnight tonight, after which there will come a cold wave of several days duration. After that there will probably be a rise in temperature, lasting a few days, unless the cold waves continue to move from West to East in a steady procession, as they have done for a month.

Pilo's Cure for Consumption gives relief in cases of Coughs and Cold. All druggists, 25c.—Adv.

SEVEN ARE KILLED.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—A collision took place this morning between a passenger and freight train on the Franco-Spanish frontier. It is reported that a number of persons were killed.

JAPANESE SQUADRON TO SEIZE MASHAM-PHO ON COAST OF KOREA

WATSON INDICTMENT EXPECTED NEXT MONDAY

More Than One Count Against Him Probable.

IS DELAYED BY ILLNESS

Otherwise Action of Grand Jury Would Have Been Returned Last Wednesday.

James M. A. Watson, the District clerk accused of embezzling \$73,000 of Government funds, will be indicted Monday by the local Federal grand jury. More than one indictment will probably be reported against him.

As published in The Times yesterday, District Attorney Beach said that there was no reason for anyone to believe that the grand jury would not indict Watson before its terms of service expired on Monday.

The grand jury would have included the indictments against Watson in the report made last Wednesday, except for the fact that Mr. Beach and Assistant District Attorney Taggart were necessarily absent from the office, in connection with the preparation of the Postoffice cases for trial next week.

It will, however, probably be some weeks before Watson is called for trial on the charges.

DESTROYER LAWRENCE RAMMED AT ANCHOR

Rear Admiral Sands, commanding the training squadron, has advised the Navy Department of an accident to the torpedo boat destroyer Lawrence. His dispatch from Key West, today, says: "Lawrence at anchor rammed by Oil-vette. Report follows."

The Oil-vette is a passenger boat running between Key West and Havana.

KAISER WOULD SUPPRESS CRUELTY IN THE ARMY

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—At the New Year reception tendered by the Emperor to the commanding generals of the army, his majesty delivered an address in which he urged the higher officers to suppress cruelty against the common soldiers, stamp out scandalous dissensions by officers and abolish other evil features of militarism. By doing these things, he declared, the standard of morality of the German army would be raised.

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Tokyo Dispatch Indicates Mikado Will Forestall Russia Pending Failure of Negotiations.

SWIFT PREPARATIONS FOR COMING CONFLICT

European Capitals on the Alert and All Apparently Awaiting Inevitable Clash in Orient.

TOKYO, Jan. 2.—The Japanese squadron of six cruisers, under command of Admiral Kamimura, now at Sasebo, near Nagasaki, has been ordered to proceed tomorrow to Masham-Pho, Korea. Rumors are afloat that the object of the squadron is to seize Masham-Pho, but these cannot be traced to a reliable source.

It is doubted in well-informed circles that Japan would seize that port or any other in Korea except for got ahead of Russia, should the negotiations between Japan and Russia end in failure, or in the event of Russia showing an inclination to occupy any of the principal ports in Korea.

AMMUNITION SHIPPED FROM TRIESTE TO JAPAN

TRIESTE, Jan. 2.—There is evidence that the Japanese government is making preparations for a long struggle in the event of hostilities breaking out between Japan and Russia.

The announcement was made today that three carloads of ammunition have been shipped from this port to Japan within the last few days, and that larger quantities are to follow.

OLIVE BRANCH OFFERED TO WARLIKE MIKADO

PORT ARTHUR, China, Jan. 2.—The "Novy Kral" today holds out the last olive branch to Japan. In a leading article, "The olive branch," it says:

"If the Japanese will only consider Russia's reasonable interests they will not make it impossible for Russia to grant concessions. Japan will find a ready echo in Russian official circles."

ITALY REQUESTS JAPAN TO REMOVE WARSHIPS

ROME, Jan. 2.—It is reported that the government has asked Japan to remove the warships Rosam and Ritschiki, which are under construction at Genoa. These are the war vessels which Japan recently purchased from the Argentine Republic.

The reason given for the request is that Italy does not want to become involved in the Japan-Russian affair.

JAPANESE SECURITIES DECLINE IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Japanese securities fell on the London stock exchange today. The drop was caused by rumors of impending war between Japan and Russia.

CHINA REQUESTS RUSSIA TO LEAVE MANCHURIA

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Chinese government today presented another formal demand to the Russian minister to China, M. Paul Lesser, that Russia evacuate Manchuria.

RESOURCES OF JAPAN MUCH UNDERESTIMATED

United States Deputy Consul General John McLean, of Yokohama, Japan, arrived in Washington this morning and registered at the Hotel Hamilton. He said about the condition in the Far East he said war between Russia and Japan was looked upon as inevitable.

"Japan is aflame with war fever," said he, "and every man, woman and child in the empire is ready to fight. Japan recognizes that her life depends upon the maintenance of the independence of Korea, and Russian aggression is certain to bring about a clash."

Statements were made today that the power of Japan is greatly underestimated. An officer of the army who served with the allies in the recent campaign, and who has the friendship and confidence of some of the highest commanders in the Japanese army, said today:

"Some statisticians are saying that Japan can only put 600,000 men in the field. This is a bad mistake. Japan can raise an army of 2,000,000 men, and I happen to know that Japan has begun to tap the yellow millions of China. She has plans with China for the latter to put 2,000,000 more soldiers in the field under Japanese officers, which will give Japan an army of 4,000,000. This army can be put in motion in less than two months. Consequently Russia is going to have the fight of her life when she tackles the Asiatics."

PRESIDENT APPROVES COURT-MARTIAL ACTION

President Roosevelt has approved the action of the court-martial in the Philippines which sentenced Second Lieut. Paul B. MacLane to dismissal from the service and imprisonment for one year. His crime was the embezzlement of Government funds.